

**ILLINOIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MEETING MINUTES**

December 13, 2016

The Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened via conference call to discuss panel categories and a location and date for the public hearing on voting rights. Juan Carlos Linares chaired the meeting according to the agenda items identified. The Chair performed a roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CDT.

State Advisory Committee Members:

Present:

1. Juan Carlos Linares (Chair)
2. Cindy Buys
3. Evelyn Rodriguez
4. Trevor Copeland
5. Richard Garcia (joined at 12:29 pm)

Absent:

1. Johnathan Bean
2. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec
3. Sweta Shah
4. Kendric Cobb
5. Bryant Jackson-Green
6. Reyahd Kazmi
7. Malik Nevels
8. Anne Wortham
9. Tabassum Haleem
10. James Botana
11. William Howard
12. Sweta Shah
13. Kendric Cobb
14. Bryant Jackson-Green
15. Reyahd Kazmi
16. Malik Nevels

Commission Staff present:

- Melissa Wojnaroski (DFO)
- Victoria Moreno, USCCR intern

Members of the Public present:

- None identified

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

Approval of Minutes

- Committee was unable to vote on minutes from previous meeting as there was not quorum at beginning of meeting

Discussion and Review of Panel Categories for Voting Rights Public Hearing

1. Committee members reviewed meeting dates of date and location

2. Discussion on Panel Categories
 - a. Committee discussed distributing the hearing into the following panels:
 - i. One academic panel
 - ii. One community panel focused on voting access for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals
 - iii. One community panel on voting access for other groups
 - iv. One government panel, ideally made up of government officials
 - v. One policy/legal panel
 - b. Trevor Copeland moved to approve the panel categories
 - c. Richard Garcia seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote
3. Committee members began discussing potential panelists but tabled any decisions until next meeting where there can be more participation and a vote on speakers
4. Committee members agreed to begin preliminary outreach to gauge interest and availability of potential panelists who they know directly. Members agreed to inform the rest of the committee and the Midwest Regional Office staff when doing so to avoid duplication of outreach efforts. Panelists will be selected and invitations to speak will be issued after the Committee's January 2017 meeting.

Next Meeting

- The Committee's next meeting will take place in January 2017 and will be 90 minutes long. Committee members should come prepared to vote on specific panelists for the public hearing.
- USCCR staff will poll Committee members for availability to confirm the time and date of the meeting.

Open Comment

At the conclusion of the meeting, public lines were opened for comment. No public comment was received.

Next meeting

Mid-January, 2017, TBA

Meeting Adjourned

1:00 PM CDT